

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A peripheral device operable to be coupled to a computer communication network, the peripheral device comprising:
 - a software module operable to allow a number of local users to share control of the peripheral device through requests to perform a task received from other devices coupled to the network;
 - a content delivery device including a display screen operable to display a device status of the peripheral device and operable to deliver electronic content information to the display screen that is unrelated to the device status, wherein the electronic content information that is unrelated to the device status is determined from an identification of a user; and
 - a content delivery module coupled to the content delivery device and operable to retrieve the electronic content information, the content delivery module further operable to determine an appropriate time to deliver the electronic content information, and operable to deliver the electronic content information via the content delivery device.
2. (Canceled).
3. (Previously Presented) The peripheral device of Claim 1, including a speaker for auditory content delivery.
4. (Original) The peripheral device of Claim 1, wherein the content delivery device is remotely coupled to the peripheral device.

5. (Original) The peripheral device of Claim 1, wherein the content delivery module is remotely coupled to the peripheral device.

6. (Original) The peripheral device of Claim 1, wherein the content delivery module retrieves the electronic content information from a remote content server.

7. (Original) The peripheral device of Claim 1, wherein the content delivery module retrieves the electronic content information from a local storage unit.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The peripheral device of Claim 1, further comprising an input device for receiving user input.

10. (Original) The peripheral device of Claim 1, further comprising a sensor module operable to receive transmissions from a remote electronic device.

11. (Original) The peripheral device of Claim 10 wherein the sensor module is further operable to detect an electronic device within its proximity.

12. (Original) The peripheral device of Claim 1 wherein the appropriate time being substantially when the content delivery device is idle.

13. (Currently Amended) A peripheral device operable to be coupled to a computer communication network, the peripheral device comprising:

a software module operable to allow a number of local users to share control of the peripheral device through requests to perform a task received from other devices coupled to the network;

a content delivery device including a display screen operable to display a device status of the peripheral device and operable to deliver electronic content information to the display screen that is unrelated to the device status; and
a first means for determining an appropriate time to deliver the electronic content information;
a second means for retrieving the electronic content information; ~~and~~
a third means for delivering electronic content information via the content delivery device; and
a fourth means for detecting information identifying a user, wherein identifying a user is used to retrieve electronic content information that is unrelated to the device status.

14. (Original) The peripheral device of Claim 13, further comprising an input device for receiving user input.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) In a peripheral device, a method comprising:
providing shared control of the peripheral device to a number of local users through a computer communication network;
receiving a request to perform a task from a local user through another device coupled to the network;
displaying a device status of the peripheral device on a content delivery device including a display screen coupled to the peripheral device;
~~retrieving electronic content information to the display screen that is unrelated to the device status of the peripheral device;~~
determining an identification of a user;
responsive to determining the identification of the user, retrieving to the display screen electronic content information that is unrelated to the device status of the peripheral device and that is associated with the identification of the user;

determining when the content delivery device coupled to the peripheral device is idle; and

responsive to determining that the content delivery device is idle, delivering the electronic content information via the content delivery device.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein the content delivery device is a speaker for auditory electronic delivery.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein the content delivery device is a display screen for visual electronic delivery.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 19, further comprising determining accounting information associated with the identification of the user ~~user identification~~ to enable payment for placing product or service orders.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16 wherein the electronic content information is determined from the task associated with the request.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the task is a print job.